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SUBJ: MARTIN'S STATEMENT REGARDING DAC CHAIRMANSHIP FOR 1974

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1. AT CONCLUSION OF DAC MEETING JULY 10, DAC CHAIRMAN MARTIN RAISED QUESTION OF HIS CONTINUANCE AS DAC CHAIRMAN AFTER CURRENT YEAR. MARTIN NOTED "DUAL BASIS" UPON WHICH HE ASSIGNED AS DAC CHAIRMAN: (A) HE IS ELECTED ANNUALLY TO SERVE ONE-YEAR TERM; AND (B) HE IS ASSIGNED BY USG FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS. MARTIN INDICATED HIS THIRD TWO-YEAR ASSIGNMENT WILL END JANUARY 9, 1974. HE ADDED HE WAS NOT CERTAIN TO WHAT EXTENT THE QUESTION HAD BEEN REVIEWED WITHIN THE USG. HE SAID "AS A US FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, I AM ACCUSTOMED TO MOVING AND SINCE I HAVE BEEN HERE FOR 5 1/2 YEARS IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR THE COMMITTEE TO HAVE A NEW CHAIRMAN." HE SAID, HOWEVER, HE WAS "IN THE HANDS OF THE COMMITTEE". HE CONCLUDED HE HAD ASKED DAC VICE CHAIRMAN PAUL BLANC TO MEET WITH HEADS OF DAC DELEGATIONS JULY 17 AT 10 A.M. TO DISCUSS "WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE DAC CHAIRMANSHIP."

2. IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEETING, US WAS APPROACHED BY GERMAN DEL SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF MARTIN'S STATEMENT AND ASKING WHAT US POSITION WAS. US REPLIED WE HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON. MISSION EXPECTS TO RECEIVE QUERIES FROM OTHER DELEGATIONS AND WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FOR USE AT JULY 17 MEETING.

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